

Mekelle University

College of Health Sciences

Location: Mekelle, Ethiopia

University website:

<http://www.mu.edu.et/chs/index.php/about-us>
; <http://www.mu.edu.et/>

Program type: 4th year medical elective

Program dates: available dates determined by Mekelle

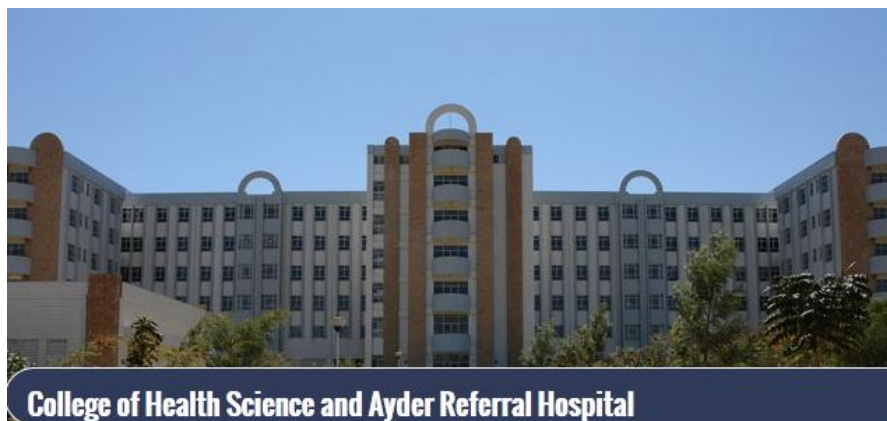
Program duration: 4 weeks

Special requirements: A visa is required for travel to Ethiopia.

Application due date: semester prior to rotation/elective dates

Faculty contact: Simon Williams, PhD

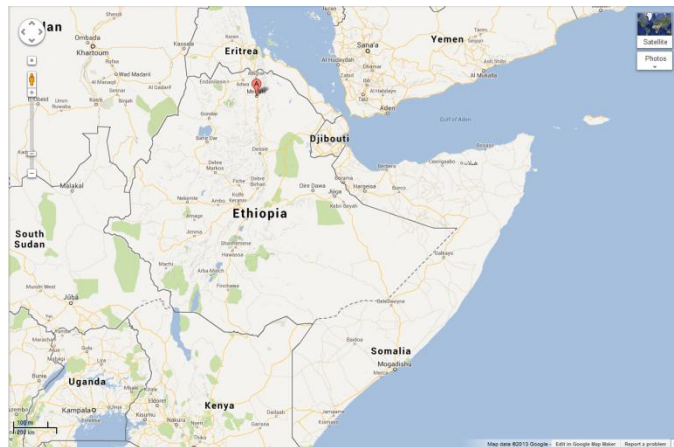
Description



Program:

Fourth year medical students can elect to complete a 4-week international health elective/rotation at MU. The MU campus and teaching hospital provides the opportunity to experience medicine in a fairly developed city in

Ethiopia. Students can expect to encounter various types of infectious diseases, including in-stage AIDS and TB. The Mekelle elective also provides the opportunity to better understand how cultural practices affect healthcare and identify various barriers to healthcare.



While rotations are primarily conducted at the Ayder Referral Hospital, it is possible to arrange additional clinical experiences outside the hospital, including the Mother Theresa House. However, these arrangements should be made well in advance of travel to Ethiopia. It would be very difficult to complete any arrangements clinical experiences outside the teaching hospital after you arrive in Ethiopia as the approval is very slow.

Campus and country:

Mekelle University (MU) is located in the Tigray region of northern Ethiopia and has eight colleges, including the College of Health Sciences, and a total of 20,000 students enrolled in regular, evening, summer and distance learning programs. The merger of two former colleges, Mekelle Business College and Mekelle University College, established the University in May 2000.

The School of Medicine was established as an academic constituent in 2003. The school's mission is to recruit, reward, and retain competent doctors and specialists to meet the preventive, curative, and health promotion needs of the community. Departments and units include: Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Dermatology/Venereology, Pathology, Orthopedic Surgery, Gynecology/Obstetrics, ENT, Psychiatry, Radiology, and Ophthalmology.

In response to the country's demand for specialized medical practitioners, the school has launched a residency program in general surgery. The university also completed preliminary preparations to start residency programs in four more areas of specialty: Forensic Medicine, Gynecology/Obstetrics, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.

Clinical services are provided at Ayder Referral Hospital.

Estimated cost: \$4,000

Housing, meals, and in-country transportation: Students must make their own housing, meal, and in-country transportation arrangements.

Visa and passport:

All students must have a passport that is valid for six months after departure from the host country. A visa is required. A letter of invitation must be obtained from Mekelle University to apply for a visa. Please contact the Office of Global Health for assistance obtaining a visa.

Pre-departure requirements: <http://www.ttuhs.edu/cima/requirements.aspx>

Additional information:

Department of State country specific information:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1113.html

CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/et.html>

WHO: <http://www.who.int/countries/eth/en/>

Ethiopia travel guidebooks are available for check out through OGH

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